

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please amend claims 23, 25, 37, 42, 43 and 44, as shown below.

Listing of Claims:

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1-22 (Cancelled)

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23. (Currently Amended) A method for generating a programme for presentation as a sequence of programme elements from a set of pre-recorded programme elements, comprising:

- classifying the programme elements on the basis of programme element content such that each programme element is allocated to at least one class of a predetermined set of classes;
- storing each classified programme element with at least one associated programme element classification code, each classification code identifying a class to which the associated programme element has been allocated;
- generating a programme for presentation on a user display device by selecting at least one programme classification code and presenting programme elements associated with said at least one programme classification code,

wherein selecting at least one programme classification code comprises displaying user selectable symbols on the user display device, each symbol representing a class of associated programme elements and being selectable by a user, and receiving user input corresponding to at least one symbol selected by a user; and

wherein the user selectable symbols are presented for display on the user display device simultaneous with the presentation of the program.

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24. (Previously added) A method according to claim ²⁵23, wherein each programme element is classified by reference to a type of event to which the element relates.

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25. (Currently amended) A method ~~according to claim 23,~~ for generating a programme for presentation as a sequence of programme elements from a set of pre-recorded programme elements, comprising:

- classifying the programme elements on the basis of programme element content such that each programme element is allocated to at least one class of a predetermined set of classes;

storing each classified programme element with at least one associated programme element classification code, each classification code identifying a class to which the associated programme element has been allocated;

generating a programme for presentation on a user display device by selecting at least one programme classification code and presenting programme elements associated with said at least one programme classification code,

wherein selecting at least one programme classification code comprises displaying user selectable symbols on the user display device, each symbol representing a class of associated programme elements and being selectable by a user, and receiving user input corresponding to at least one symbol selected by a user; and

wherein each programme element is classified by reference to a subjective assessment of a value within a range of relative values extending from a low value to a high value.

4 ²⁸ 28. (Previously added) A method according to claim ²⁵¹ 23, further comprising further classifying program elements by a subjective assessment of value.

5 ²⁹ 27. (Previously added) A method according to claim ²⁵¹ 23, wherein symbols are displayed in an order corresponding to the temporal order of events represented by the associated programme elements.

6 ³⁰ 28. (Previously added) A method according to claim ²⁵¹ 23, further comprising:
receiving user input for selecting a sub-set of classes; and
displaying to the user only symbols corresponding to programme elements associated with the selected sub-set of classes.

7 ³¹ 29. (Previously added) A method according to claim ²⁵¹ 23, wherein presenting programme program elements comprises presenting a plurality of programme elements simultaneously.

8 ³² 30. (Previously added) A method according to claim ³¹⁷ 28, wherein video and audio programme elements are presented simultaneously.

9 ³³ 31. (Previously added) A method according to claim ³¹⁷ 28, wherein still image and video programme elements are presented simultaneously.

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10 ²⁵¹ 32. (Previously added) A method according to claim ²³32, further comprising transmitting programme elements to the user's display device and storing programme elements with the associated programme classification codes at a memory associated with the user's display device.

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11 ³⁴¹⁰ 33. (Previously added) A method according to claim ³²32, further comprising:
receiving user input for selecting a sub-set of classes; and
transmitting to the user's display device only programme elements associated with the selected sub-set of classes.

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12 ³⁴¹⁰ 34. (Previously added) A method according to claim ³²32, further comprising:
receiving user input for selecting a sub-set of classes; and
storing at a memory associated with the user's display device only received programme elements that are associated with the selected sub-set of classes.

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13 ³⁴¹⁰ 35. (Previously added) A method according to claim ³²32, wherein generating a programme comprises combining programme elements transmitted to the user's display device with pre-recorded programme elements stored on a data carrier in a memory device of the user's display device.

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14 ³⁴¹⁰ 36. (Previously added) A method according to claim ³²32, wherein at least one stored programme element is read out such that the duration of the programme element in the generated programme is less than the time taken to transmit a data packet of that programme element to the display device.

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15 ³⁸¹⁴ 37. (Currently amended) A method according to claim ³⁶36, wherein generating a programme for presentation on a user display device further comprises repeating the presentation on the user display device of at least one transmitted programme element.

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16 ²⁵¹ 38. (Previously added) A method according to claim ²³23, further comprising:
associating an advertisement to an event represented by a particular programme element;
and
presenting advertisements serially with the programme elements to which they are linked.

- 17 ⁴¹ 39. (Previously added) A method according to claim ²⁵¹ 23, further comprising:
associating an advertisement to an event represented by a particular programme element;
and
presenting advertisements in parallel with the programme elements to which they are linked.
- 18 ⁴² 40. (Previously added) A method according to claim ²⁵¹ 23, wherein selecting at least one
classification code comprises:
receiving user input corresponding to a classification code identifying a class of interest; and
alerting the user to the presentation of a programme element of the selected class of
interest.
- 19 ⁴³ 41. (Previously added) A method according to claim ²⁵¹ 23, wherein each classification code
represents a subjective indication of the value of programme elements in the class associated with
the classification code.
- 20 ⁴⁴ 42. (Currently amended) A method ~~according to claim 41~~, for generating a programme for
presentation as a sequence of programme elements from a set of pre-recorded programme
elements, comprising:
classifying the programme elements on the basis of programme element content such that
each programme element is allocated to at least one class of a predetermined set of classes;
storing each classified programme element with at least one associated programme element
classification code, each classification code identifying a class to which the associated programme
element has been allocated;
generating a programme for presentation on a user display device by selecting at least one
programme classification code and presenting programme elements associated with said at least
one programme classification code,
wherein selecting at least one programme classification code comprises displaying user
selectable symbols on the user display device, each symbol representing a class of associated
programme elements and being selectable by a user, and receiving user input corresponding to at
least one symbol selected by a user;
wherein each classification code represents a subjective indication of the value of
programme elements in the class associated with the classification code; and
wherein receiving user input comprises receiving input corresponding to user-selected
classification codes above a threshold value.

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31 43. (Currently amended) An apparatus for generating a programme for presentation as a sequence of programme elements from a set of pre-recorded programme elements, comprising
means for storing programme elements with associated programme classification codes, each classification code identifying a class selected from a predetermined set of classes to which class an associated programme element has been allocated on the basis of programme element content,
means for selecting at least one programme classification code, and
means for generating a programme by presenting programme elements associated with the selected said at least one programme classification code, including means for displaying symbols to the operator of a display device, the symbols representing the class of associated stored programme elements, and means for operation by the operator to select displayed symbols and thereby select the associated programme elements for presentation by the display device;
wherein the symbols are displayed to the operator of a display device simultaneous with the presentation of programme elements by the display device.

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22 44. (Currently amended) An apparatus for generating a programme for presentation to a user as a sequence of programme elements from a set of pre-recorded programme elements, comprising
a memory device for storing programme elements with associated programme classification codes, each classification code identifying a class selected from a predetermined set of classes to which class an associated programme element has been allocated on the basis of programme element content; and
a user-terminal having a controller for generating a programme by presenting programme elements associated with at least one selected programme classification code, a display device for displaying symbols to the user, the symbols representing the class of associated stored programme elements, and a user input device for operation by the user to select displayed symbols and thereby select at least one classification code, for presentation of programme elements associated with the at least one selected classification code on the display device;
wherein the symbols are displayed to the user simultaneous with the presentation of programme elements on the display device.